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KIDS' ROOMS**
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7. THE GIRLIE GIRL

'House shapes are a popular trend for little girls' rooms and it's easy to see why,' says Room to Bloom's Ursula Wesselingh. 'A symbol of warmth and security, they create a child-sized home within a home.' A basic house structure will give multiple options for decoration and play and can be transformed from den to shop and beyond with the addition of simple props. Be flexible when choosing a colour palette for the space – your little one may have her heart set on a candy hue, but compromise with an off-shade that won't date quickly or look too harsh; blush is a sophisticated alternative to pink.



↑ **GET THE LOOK** For unpainted wood bed frames, from £114.99 for a small double, see the range at Wayfair. Little Greene's Green Verditer eggshell, £53 for 2.5l, is a match.

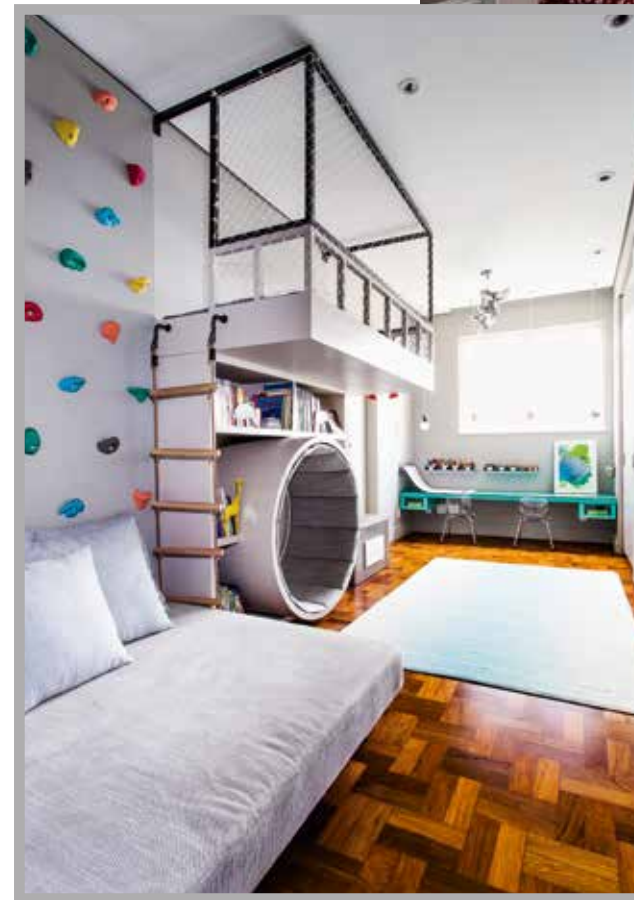
GET THE LOOK To locate a builder to → construct a similar house-shaped structure, try findcraftsman.com. Paper pompoms are available from Pom Pom Studio, from 85p each. For a similar rag rug, £13.95, check out Paper High at notonthehighstreet.com.

COLOUR COORDINATION

- If you can't make up your mind, start with a piece of art, bed linen or furniture and pick out the colours to build your scheme.
- 'Decide on your colour theme and work this when you buy things for the room,' says Korla's Jane Bonser. 'If the palette is quite restrained, there will be a sense of balance despite the mishmash of toys!'
- Wallpaper is a brilliant way to add impact to a space, with pattern being particularly forgiving of scuffs and scrapes.
- The monochrome trend is both classic and cool and an increasingly popular choice in a child's room. It will also fit in seamlessly with the décor in the rest of your house.

GET THE LOOK Homebase sells → easy-to-peel masking tape, £3.99. The Big Cata cushion covers are by Roberta Roller Rabbit in New York, approx £32 each. Try Korla for similar fabric. Source an indoor basketball stand, £129.99, at Big Game Hunters.

↓ **GET THE LOOK** MK Kids Interiors could create a similar climbing apparatus for £5,050. Find climbing stones at wickey.com, from £14.95 for a set of five.



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8. THE SPORTS STAR

No outside space? No problem! Kids can quite literally climb the walls with all manner of indoor play structures, which, when safely fixed to the surface, leave plenty of floor space for everything else. On a less Olympian scale, lay temporary courts with tape that can be easily removed without damage to the floor, stencil locker-room numbers on to wardrobe doors and choose sturdy indoor sports equipment with a heavy-duty base to keep accidents at bay.

